

Judge Smith.
In another place in to day's paper will be found the formal announcement of C. B. Smith as a candidate for re-election as circuit judge. It seems like a work of supererogation to say anything of Judge Smith to the people of this country, in the way of introduction. Twelve years of service on the bench have made him known to every citizen of the county, and the manner in which he has acquitted himself in the disposition of justice has made him deservedly popular with all classes of people.

He unites to a clear understanding of the law an ability to quickly grasp the salient features of a case, and to apply to it the principles of the statute. His readiness in the dispatch of business, and his energy in pushing the work of a term through with all possible rapidity, without sacrificing at the same time the interests of litigants by undue haste, have become proverbial, and have served to materially lessen the cost of maintaining our courts. In short, Judge Smith has served the people with the greatest acceptability, and inasmuch as it is always wise to keep a popular and efficient officer as long as possible, instead of risking a new and untried man, the people of this judicial circuit would be only exercising a sound discretion by re-electing him on the first day of June.

CLEVELAND, on Saturday, appointed Dr. J. Ernest Meier, of Louisville, Col., to be consul at Nagasaki, Japan. The place is one of the best in the list of consuls, and Dr. Meier fills the requirement that seems necessary in order to secure such positions, having, like so many other of Mr. Cleveland's appointees, "rendered his resignation in 1861 and embraced the cause of the South, serving through the war." The doctor was one of the principal in an incident which occurred during the inauguration and was lost sight of. Since his appointment it has been called to mind that one evening a number of the Elkhart House corridors shouting at the top of his voice, "I was a rebel and I'm a rebel yet." The police held him a prisoner until he had cooled off, and then released him. The demonstration came about through the refusal of sturdy old Commodore Truxton to shake hands with the doctor. The latter, presuming upon his former connection with the navy, had addressed Truxton, extending his hand. Overtures were rejected with the explanation from the Commodore that he didn't want to have anything to do with a man who had surrendered against his country. Then Meier made the declaration regarding his status as a "rebel" which is quoted above. There are not a few of the appointments over which the Republican Senate will hesitate.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 4.—The people of New Orleans have just reason for hard feelings against the citizens of Illinois. A committee of the legislature of this State is now in New Orleans.

SECRETARY BAYARD says that the criticisms of his official conduct come only from "pestilential political gists." The shrinkage in Mr. Bayard during the last few weeks has been greater than that in any watered stock on the market.

The warlike epistles of G. W. Marmaduke, demanding that Governor Oglesby remove the quarantine against Missouri cattle seem to have little effect. For obvious reasons Gov. Oglesby cannot button his coat as tight at the waist as Marmaduke can, but he is just as dreadful in war.

Ton Hennes writes to the Toronto Week: "We are probably on the eve of a long and trying war, which may well spread to Europe and Asia before we see the end of it. But wherever it spreads and however we fare in it, I for one have no doubt but that at the end we shall come out of it a united Empire in a sense which few of the most sanguine of us would have dared to dream of a year ago."

CHICAGO, May 4.—War is threatened between the Governors of Illinois and Missouri. Governor Oglesby's recent proclamation quarantining this State against Missouri cattle, owing to the alleged existence of pleuro-pneumonia in the latter State, is the cause belli. Governor Marmaduke insists that there is no infectious disease among the cattle of his State, and asks Governor Oglesby to revoke his proclamation. "I know the condition of pleuro-pneumonia in this State better than you do," declares Marmaduke to Oglesby, and adds, "you have been grossly misinformed." Meaning, Gov. Oglesby believes he knows what he is about, and at last advice had not revoked his proclamation. Careful investigation will prove, we think, that this cattle scare, like that of last year, is the work of certain professional veterinarians and others who have their own rather than the public interest to promote. The cattle interest of the West complains that the professional veterinarians—especially those in office—have of late years become a public nuisance. And it does look that way.

BY TELEGRAPH

TERROR IN A TENEMENT

Sixteen Families Asleep at Midnight in a Burning Building.

The Stairs Impassable and the Scuttling Out of Reach—Jumping From Windows for Life or Death.

Streets Strewed With Dead and Dying Victims—Heroic Rescues by the Police and Firemen.

A Frantic Mother Throws Her Infant From a Fifth-Story Window—Caught and Saved—The Mother Lost.

NEW YORK, May 3.—At one o'clock this morning a fire broke out in a room at the rear of John Humphrey's cigar store, 672 First avenue. The building is five stories high, the upper floors being occupied as a tenement-house. The rooms spoken of were filled with trash of an inflammable nature, which burned up quickly, filling the house with smoke. The tenants fled in panic-stricken. Some jumped from the street from the windows and others rushed down stairs, falling over each other, and suffering injuries of a more or less serious nature. All the ambulances in the city were called to the spot.

At 1:30 it was found that six lives had been lost, and fourteen persons were injured. There were dead, Mrs. John Humphrey, his wife, four-months-old child, and several girls.

Mrs. Kropfman, a widow, Pauline Kropfman, aged twenty years. The wounded were three adult females, suffocated and suffering from burns, one had a broken knee, one having jumped from a top window; four men, two women, three boys and one girl, all suffocated and burned.

Carlstein Koerner, aged forty-eight, who lived on the fifth floor, also died from suffocation. His son, Albert, sixteen years old, was suffocated and taken to the hospital.

The fire was soon extinguished and the damage to the building was slight. When the alarm was sent out the engines of the district were putting out a small fire, and it delayed the fireman somewhat in getting to First avenue. When the alarm was sent out the fireman were surrounded by a great crowd, and dead, dying and wounded were lying on the sidewalk and in the halls and bedrooms. The cries of agony were rapidly increasing. A general alarm was sent out, and ambulances, doctors and policemen came to the scene in goodly numbers. The wounded were taken to the hospital, and the dead were taken to the morgue. The fire was caused by a gas lamp, which had been overturned by a boy, who was running through the hall.

Assistant Foreman Head, of engine No. 5, carried an apparently lifeless woman down a ladder from the fourth story. When the ladder reached the ground she was found to be dead. William Corcoran carried out three babies.

The families occupied the house, of course all were asleep at the hour the fire occurred. The stairs were next to impassable and the scuttles were hard to open. The windows were used as means of escape. Mrs. Kropfman was snatched from her room. Her three children had been accounted for. The flames of the fire spread rapidly to the second and of the fourth on the fifth floor, are known to be safe.

The family of Mr. Burge, who kept a saloon on the fifth floor, were reported safe.

The Henley family lived on the third floor. Three years ago they jumped from that story, were saved.

At 2:20 the census of the tenants was still incomplete. It is possible that more persons were lost.

Freeman Dabry, of 110 1/2 and East 4th Company No. 4, got up to the fourth floor by means of a scuttling ladder and rescued several persons from the flames. Among the rescued persons were said to be members of the Henley family. The third floor, Mr. Stiner, his wife and four children were at the window, but it was afterward said that some of them perished. One woman was seen to jump from the window, throw her baby out of the window.

Policeman Flaherty caught the child and saved his life. He carried the child to the hospital, where it was cared for. His mother went back through the window and was not seen again. It is supposed she was suffocated.

Meanwhile some flames had turned streams of water upon the flames and it was soon possible for them to go through the house and search the rooms. The firemen and fire engines were called to the spot. The fire was extinguished, but the damage was done. The bodies of five dead persons were carried into a coal cellar adjoining and on the floor. One or two were partly dressed. They had delayed too long in the rooms before making an effort to escape. The appearance of the bodies was a terrible sight. Some were much burned. Before the flames reached the doomed people, and all of them were placed beyond the reach of pain.

There were sixteen families in the building. The flames went up rapidly to the top of the building by the stairs, which were in the middle of the structure. The hallways being on fire there was no opportunity to escape by the stairways when the inmates became aware of their danger.

Later Particulars.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The terrible fire and loss of life which occurred in the tenement house on First avenue early yesterday morning, caused the greatest excitement among the residents on the East side of the city, and all day long the scene of the disaster was visited by thousands of people.

The building in which the fire occurred is a ten-story building, and has only recently been built. There were ten families in the building at the time of the outbreak, and unfortunately there were no fire escapes in the front of the building, the only escape being in the rear, and the inmates residing in front were.

In the appointment of Mr. Goode, an ex-confederate, as Solicitor-General, the Democrats of the South secure their control over the Department of Justice. That was the one thing they specially desired. They hope now to be rid entirely of the necessity of even making a show of compliance with the Federal election laws. Mr. Goode, who secured a seat in Congress by frauds committed in defiance of those laws, and who was afterward badly defeated when the laws were enforced, will be certain to use his influence to nullify them.

The Attorney-General, in his opinion on the Lawton case, practically attempted to override the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution. He can be certain of the aid of Mr. Goode in all efforts of that kind.

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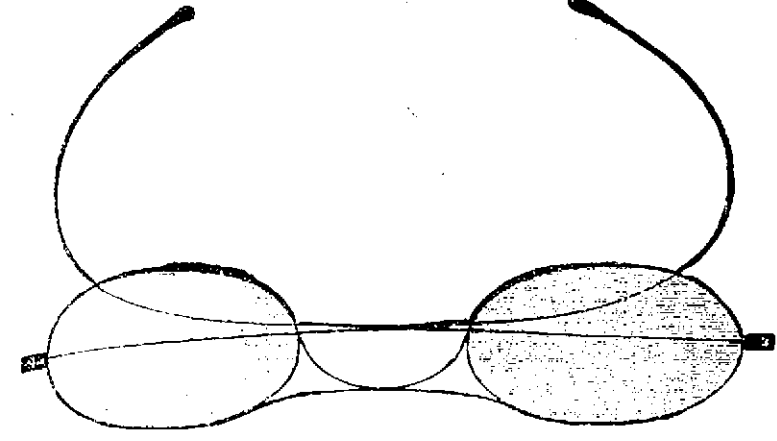
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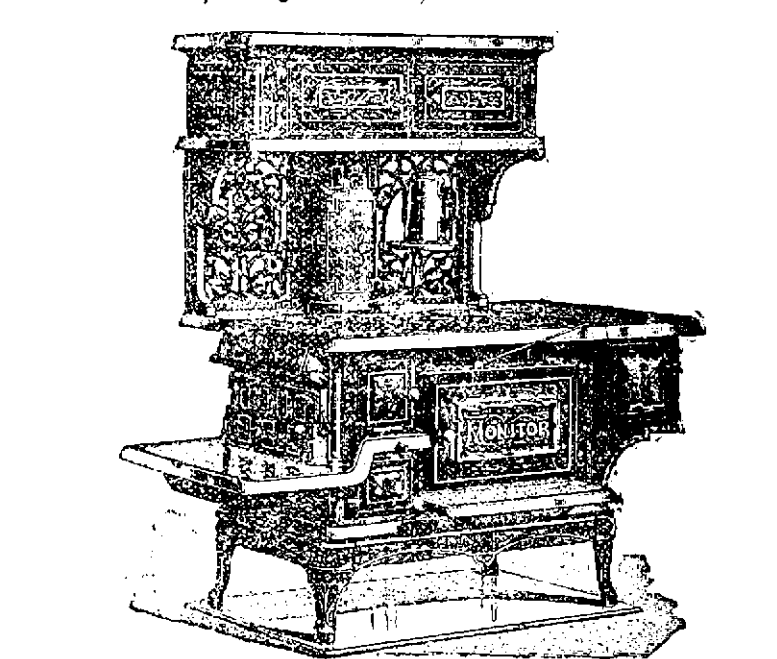
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LOCAL NEWS.

LAWN VASES, different styles, sizes and
prices. Come and see the new Iron Res-
ervoir Vase, at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.
"FANONOR" to-night.
LINCOLN is to have two new saloons.
CIRCUIT court one week from to-day.
BOOK REEN will reign the balance of
the week.
The new council will meet to-night,
when Mayor Kannan will wield the gavel.
Cook, the Coles county wife murderer,
got 27 years at Charleston.
ONDER your ice of Antrim. Telephone
176.
ma-diff
Tus promises to be a favorable week
for corn planting.
The new card game, "Black Maria," is
causing a great deal of amusement about
the city.
The residence of J. B. Ballard, the un-
der-taker, is now at No. 272 West Main
street, in the Wilcox dwelling.
The Chicago Sunday papers failed to
connect with Decatur yesterday as was
expected. Cane unknown.
There were Arkansas strawberries in
the Decatur market Saturday, selling at
40 cents a box.
COUNTRY country butter, flour and fam-
ily groceries at Hawks & Patterson's, 147
South Water street.
H. W. HILL has enlarged his model
chicken house, to give more room to his
prize chicks and the incubator.
Why allow a cough to annoy you?
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FINE canned goods and country pro-
duce are specialties at I. F. Peck & Co.'s
grocery store in opera block.
STILL left at Niedermeyer's store on the
Mound, a good supply of those excellent
Michigan potatoes.
BROOKS to suit you, \$50 to \$250, at D.
F. Hammer's shop, on Wood street. Re-
pair work done on short notice.
ALD. GOVERN appears to be wholly in
the dark as to what the council will do
to-night aside from routine business.
WENT you want anything in hardware
you can find it every time and in greater
variety at Morchouse, Wells & Co.'s.
PARTY tables and chairs for rent, at
Dustman & Meyer's, in Haworth block.
See their grand display of parlor suits.
BURKE'S White Pine Balsam gives health
and tone to the throat, bronchial tubes
and lungs, overcoming a tendency to
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at Wayne & Anderson's establishment on
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CALL at Abel & Locke's and they will
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generally, wall paper, carpets, etc., at
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D. A. MAYNARD has three wagons deliv-
ering pure crystal ice every day. Send
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O. B. PIERCE will give genuine bar-
gains in Haines Bros. pianos, at his par-
lor, in opera block, this week. Inspect
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THERE will be a dozen handsome pleas-
ure boats at Oakland Park lake this
week. The lake is well filled with water,
and the sports will soon begin.
SATURDAY afternoon the Decatur High
School nine went to Cerro Gordo and de-
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LOG delivered to all parts of the city by
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FINE style straight out coats at Cheap
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Tax collections for April in the Peoria
revenue district are \$1,037,196, an increase
over April, 1884, of \$143,424. The ship-
ments for export for the month were 4,
175 packages, containing 237,948 gallons.
The assessor for Macon township in
1884 failed to find 75 persons in his dis-
trict, and their names were omitted from
the personal property list. Rather queer,
that. The township has elected a new
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MAY be getting red-hot at Hot Springs.
Tom Andrews sent a letter home to-day,
directing his business manager to send
him his linen duster and straw hat. Mr.
A. will remain at the Springs until about
June 20th.
The large flouring mills at Camargo,
the property of J. B. Miller, were destroyed
by fire Saturday night. The fire is
supposed to have caught from the ma-
chinery in the upper story. Loss, about
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The "constantly tired-out" feeling so
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Mr. BAKER and L. W. Fribourg, repre-

senting the Ogar Makers' Union No.
20, went to Pana to-day to look after Mr.
Wachman, a deceased brother. They will
see that the body is properly cared for,
and that the \$40 burial benefit is prop-
erly bestowed.

A Big Boom

In Boots and Shoes at Eushner & Hutch-
ins. We are having an enormous trade.
We offer to-day Men's \$4.00 Kip Boots
for \$2.90. Ladies' Kid front lace Shoes
worth \$2.75, for \$1.00. Misses' Buff white
and grain leather Shoes, for 50c a pair.
We have the best \$1.00 Toe Slippers in
the city. The best \$3.00 Ladies' Shoe in
the state, and the best \$3.00 Men's Shoes
in the United States. Don't forget our
Great Cheap Sales.
2-diff BUSHNER & HUTCHINS.

Members of G. A. R.

We will save you \$5.00 on a Regulation
Suit. We guarantee style and color.
GREAT NEW YORK FIRM STORE,
Carter's Block, west side Old Square.
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Baldpate, painter and paper hanger,

1528 North Water street. ad-diff

At the Churches.

Children's Day was observed at the
Christian church on Sunday, when con-
tributions from the little folks for the
benefit of the heathen children's fund
were received. In all christian denomina-
tions everywhere this collection was
taken yesterday. Special addresses were
delivered.
A large number of infants were

